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ACADEMY OF AMERICAN POETS ANNOUNCES POETRY CONTEST

MISSOULA--

UM graduate and undergraduate students with poetic inclinations are invited to submit their work to The University of Montana's competition for the Academy of American Poets' 1995 University and College Poetry Prizes.

The academy offers a \$100 prize for the best poem or group of poems submitted to the English or creative writing department at each participating school. Entries for the UM contest should consist of three to six poems and should be submitted to Susie Castle, English department administrative secretary, Liberal Arts 211, by April 15.

This year's UM entries will be judged by nationally recognized poet Edward Hirsch. Hirsch, an English professor and creative writing teacher at the University of Houston, is a former winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award. He has published four books, including his most recent work, *Earthly Measures*.

The Academy of American Poets was founded in 1934 to support American poets at all stages of their careers and to foster the appreciation of contemporary poetry. The University and College Poetry Prize Program was founded in 1955 with ten schools. It now awards more than 150 prizes across the country.

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